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## Letter from Alonzo Ellis Jones to Mrs. West December 22, 1946

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Sunt, Dec 22, 1946  
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Dear Mrs West

By the time you receive this I expect Christmas shall be over and I truly hope it was a very pleasant day for you. This time of the year has always meant a great deal to me, but this year it means more than ever. I seem to always be thinking in terms of the greatness of God's love now and as I sit here and write this I truly feel cleaner and freer than I have ever been in my life. I am happy that I can voice my praise of God for the many many blessings he has bestowed upon me here in my cell.

Last night as I was looking out of my window and gazing at the sky and the stars I was singing an old old song that I dearly love, Nearer My God to Thee and as I sang I could feel the gladness of that love surging through my body and tears of happiness filled my eyes for I knew that God in all his Mercy had given me, the most terrible sinner of all times a chance to draw closer






unto him. I wish I could put it on this paper just how wonderful I did feel, so that you could share that happiness with me. I wish I could tell it to every one so that those who do not believe would see the way of sin and seek God and his forgiveness. To me that is the most blessed thing on Earth for if Christ stands beside us who in this world can harm us?

Will Mrs West you have been writing me for almost a year now and I treasure your friendship most highly for with it you have brought help and confidence of which there is no equal on this Earth I am deeply indebted to you and I fear that it is a debt I can never repay even if I were to live a thousand years. With out your letters of encouragement life would have been much harder than it has been here. Such love of God as is in your heart must bring you great



rewards here on this Earth and I'm sure  
it also will in Eternal life. I only wish  
I could have known  you in person yet  
through your letters you and your family  
have become very close to me.

As this year comes to a close we know  
not what lies in store for us but I pray  
that God will send forth his blessings  
upon you and in your time of troubles  
may he be a source of true solace to your  
heart.

Write as often as you have time, for  
your letters are always welcome

your humble friend  
Alonzo E Jones.